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Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY
NOMINATION FORM

Continuation Sheet

Item Number

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Name Historic: Unnamed Battery #2
Common

Location: Vicinity Clark's Point,
James Island

Classification: Structure

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Representation in Existing Surveys: Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina, 1981

Description: This unnamed battery on the southern side of James Island is in an area under residential development. Like its sister battery (Unnamed Battery #1) nearby, this work is an earth redoubt, measuring approximately 200 by 200 feet. The parapet is about 12 feet high with a powder magazine of 17 feet. While in good condition, this position is completely covered with secondary timber and a thick understory growth.

Significance: Like its sister battery this redoubt is one of two remaining from the eastern James Island Line constructed in 1862 by General J. C. Pemberton.¹ Since the entire line was later judged inadequate by Gen. P. G. T. Beauregard, much of the line was ordered destroyed.² This unnamed work is valuable as a survivor of this early defensive system and is a good example of a small enclosed redoubt.

Acreage: 1

Verbal Boundary Description: The nominated property is shown as the red line on the accompanying Charleston County Tax Map #428-0-0, scaled at 1" = 400'. This boundary includes all significant surviving structures.

UTM Reference Point: 17/599600/3620840 (James Island quadrangle)

Other Information

¹War of the Rebellion: A Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies, 4 Series, 128 Volumes (Washington: U.S. Government Printing Office 1880-1901), hereafter referred to as O.R., VI, 346-47, 353; Johnson Hagood, Memoirs of the War of Secession (Columbia: The State Company, 1910), p. 84; R.S. Ripley, "Charleston and Its Defenses," Year Book - 1885, City of Charleston (Charleston, 1885), pp. 350-51; Q.A. Gillmore, "Map of the Defenses of Charleston City and Harbor," accompanying Gillmore, Engineer and Artillery Operations Against the Defense of Charleston Harbor in 1863 (NY: D. Van Nostrand, 1868).

²O.R., XIV, 610, 620, 805-06; Hagood, p. 86.